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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Chief Clerk & Administrator  
**Public Service Commission of South Carolina**  
101 Executive Center Drive  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., GCRM-134  
Docket No: 2006-401-G

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., 2012 Rate Stabilization Act Rate Schedules  
Docket No. 2012-7-G

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has received and reviewed the above referenced filing made by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont") dated October 16, 2012. Piedmont requested a benchmark cost of gas increase from the current \$2.75 per dekatherm to \$3.75 per dekatherm. Piedmont requests these changes to be effective with the first billing cycle in November, 2012. ORS has no objection to Piedmont's request for approval of GCRM-134.

The rate schedules contained in this filing also reflect the outcome of the Rate Stabilization Act Docket No. 2012-7-G as approved in Commission Order No. 2012-789 issued October 11, 2012. This Order required Piedmont to file its revised tariffs prior to the first billing cycle in November 2012. ORS has reviewed these rate schedules and has no objection to their implementation effective with the first billing cycle in November, 2012.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments in this matter.

Sincerely,



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